

COUNSEL FOR GAS LEAGUE PREPARE PLANS OF BATTLE

Lawyers Who Have Volunteered Services to Evening World in the Interests of Consumers Map Out Their Campaign.

Lawyers interested in the fight of the Gas Consumers' League for the 80-cent Gas bill passed at the last session of the Legislature met to-day at the Astor House and took steps to carry the war into the camp of the Gas Trust. A general committee was appointed to take the proper legal steps for the protection of every gas consumer in this city.

Although notices telling of the meeting were not sent out until Saturday night, more than thirty busy professional men braved the rain and neglected their private business to attend. The meeting was called by The Evening World on the suggestion of several lawyers that it would be well to get an interchange of ideas from those who have so generously taken up the cause and obligations of a fight against a great corporation in the interests of the people.

The Gas Consumers' League is going to be a permanent institution. It is the biggest thing of its kind ever organized in this town, and it is growing every day.

We want 100,000 members in the Gas Consumers' League by the close of this week. It won't cost you a cent to join. Cut out the coupon you will find in this issue of The Evening World, send it in and you will be enrolled. There will be no assessments. If we can show a membership of 100,000 before the arguments in the United States Court on the validity of the 80-cent bill on June 4, the Gas Trust will sit up and take notice.

Movement Non-Partisan. The movement is non-partisan. It is not a boost for any candidate for office. The men back of it are actuated only by the highest motives of public duty.

A full account of the meeting in the Astor House this afternoon will appear in The Evening World tomorrow. Read it and see for yourself the character of the men who are fighting this good fight for you. All the Gas Consumers' League asks is your moral support and you can give that by enrolling as a member. If thirty busy men of affairs can give up an hour or two of their time in the middle of the day and go out in the rain to work for you, it is your duty to help them along by showing your appreciation.

Remember 100,000 members in the Gas Consumers' League before the close of the week. Think of the power an organization of that size can exercise, simply by the might of its existence. If you want the 80-cent gas bill to stand, come out say so.

All Districts Included. The General Committee nominated at the meeting this afternoon will be extended to include every assembly district in the city. Inasmuch as the Brooklyn Gas Company has decided to accept the law and collect only 40 cents per thousand feet until its constitutionality has been passed upon, an active fight in Brooklyn is not necessary just now. But Brooklyn consumers ought to come to the assistance of their neighbors in Manhattan and the Bronx. Join the Gas Consumers' League and show the Gas Trust that the corporation belief that the average New Yorker is the brother to the sheep is a fallacy.

Samuel S. Koenig, counsel for the Gas Consumers' League, will appear before Justice Leventritt, in the Supreme Court, to-morrow and argue to make permanent the injunction secured last week restraining the Consolidated Gas Company from interfering with the suit of Albert Washington, Mr. Koenig's argument will be worth listening to and The Evening World advises any of its readers who can find time to attend the session of Justice Leventritt's court to be on hand.

The meeting was informal, but the earnestness of the men taking part may be inferred from the fact that they

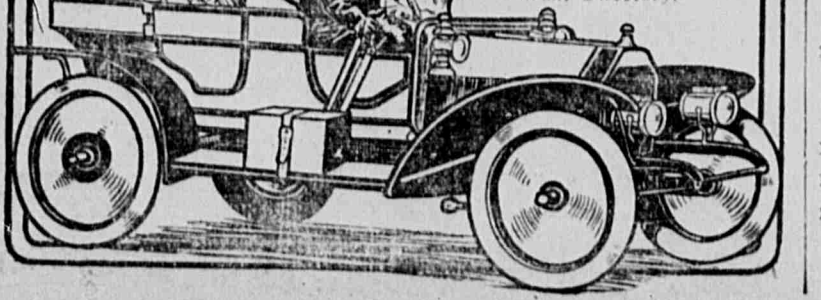
SAN FRANCISCO'S MAYOR THANKS ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Mayor E. E. Schmitz, of San Francisco, has written to President Roosevelt testifying as to the excellent service rendered by the United States troops during the fire and earthquake which devastated that city.

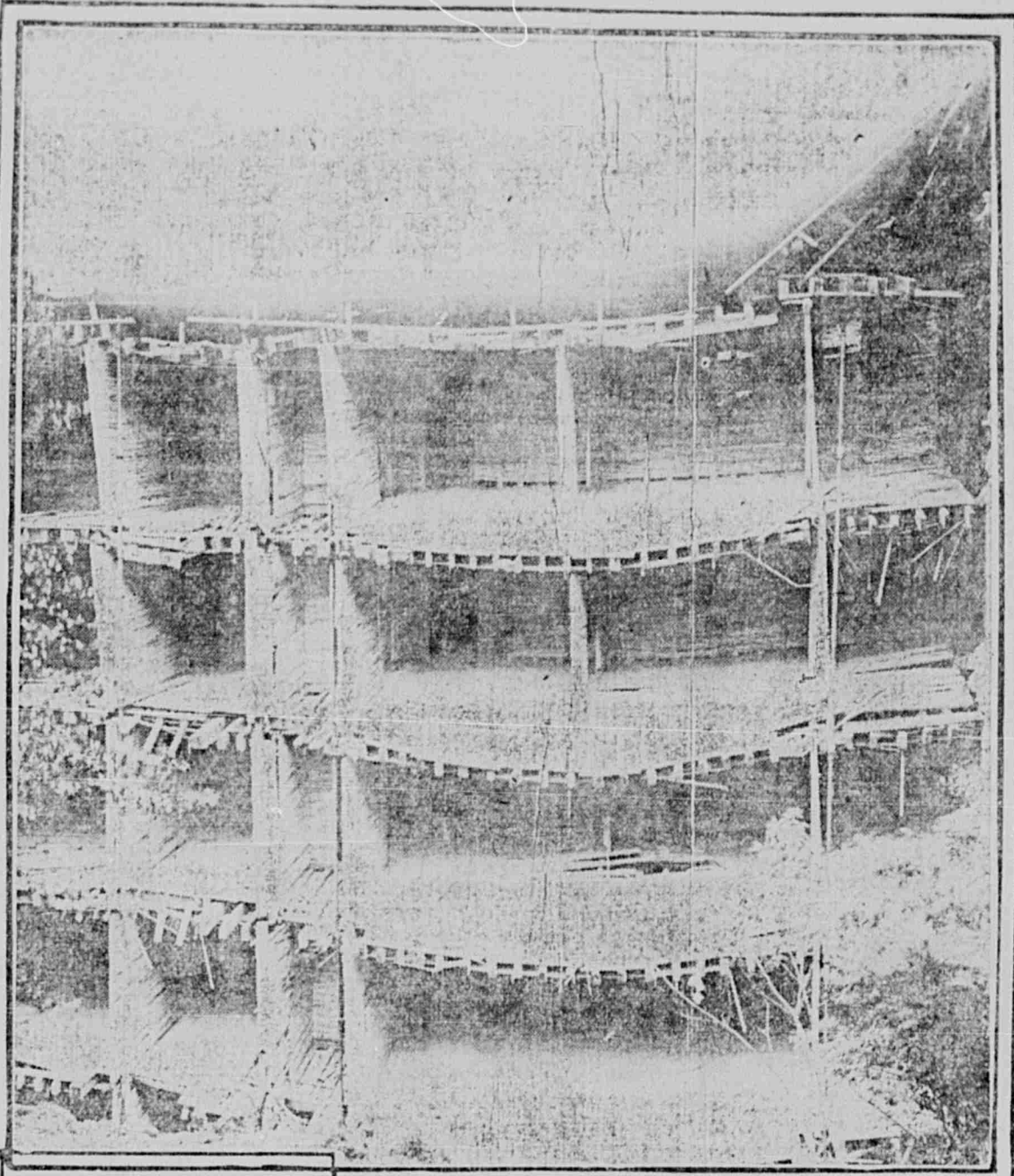
On behalf of the people of the stricken city, the Mayor extends to the President and to the Government sincere thanks for the prompt and loyal action taken to relieve the suffering incident to the calamity.

Don't Under-Estimate Your Ability to Buy An Automobile!

Do you remember how the cost of bicycles dropped down within easy reach of almost everybody? Well, that's what's happening to automobile prices right now. Of course, regular dealers are still trying to get all the money they can for motor cars, but thank goodness they can't control the "sacrifices" made yesterday through Sunday World's Want Directory.



HOUSE IN THE BRONX WRECKED BY FALLING WALL.



Rear View of Wreck

FALLING WALL DRIVES FAMILIES OUT IN RAIN

Eighteen families living in the Mildred Apartment, at No. 234 Brook avenue, the Bronx, thought an earthquake was bringing the building down about them before daybreak to-day when a retaining wall loosened by rain, caved in against the rear of an adjoining flat in course of erection and brought down the entire rear wall of the structure.

The crash of the collapse awoke the entire neighborhood. In the Mildred the shock threw people from their beds, shook pictures from the walls and played havoc with the contents of sideboards.

The tenants flocked pell-mell into the street in their nightclothes, unmindful of the pouring rain. Policeman McAvary was a block away when he heard the crash, and he sent in a call for reserves and ambulances.

Had the collapse occurred during the day serious loss of life might have resulted, as ninety plasterers and steamfitters would have been at work in the building. Public School No. 2, the largest in the Bronx, backs up against the building, and a panic among the children would have been inevitable.

The partially collapsed building is at No. 236 Brook avenue. It is part of a

double six-story brick tenement being erected by G. Wolschberg, of No. 30 Avenue C. Back of the building is an embankment, beyond which are Public School No. 20 and St. Anne's Episcopal church. To protect the foundation walls, a retaining wall of brick was built. The incessant rain of yesterday poured big trees and boulders on the embankment, and these rolled down against the retaining wall, and carried it away. It fell with a crash, and in place by the small beams and lath-work strips.

After the police had quelled the panic among the tenants of the adjoining apartment, Inspector Emergency of the Bronx Building Department, summoned the fire department, and the rear wall of the Mildred apartment, which was a block away, could get back to their homes out of the rain. They then traced the flooring in No. 236 as best they could.

Inspector Emergency laid all the fault for the collapse to the heavy rain. He said that he had inspected the building while it was being erected and all the materials used were first class. Some of the workers who were thrown out of employment by the collapse said plaster on the bricks and that a mistake had been made in erecting a retaining wall of brick without at least a stone foundation. As there were no casualties the police made no arrests.

PILOT BOAT FINDS \$80,000 SCHOONER

The big three-masted schooner Annie R. Lewis, of Bangor, Maine, picked up an abandoned, waterlogged derelict to-day twenty miles southeast of the Scotland Lightship by the steam pilot-boat New York.

The New York towed the schooner to Tompkinsville. The finding of the Annie Lewis means a small fortune to the officers and crew of the pilot boat. They can claim full salvage on her because she was outside the twenty-five mile line and there was no living person on board. She will probably bring about \$80,000 at auction and her cargo of pine lumber is valued at as much more.

The Annie R. Lewis is a three-masted wooden schooner of 27 tons. She was built at Bucksport, Me., in 1875, and is owned by S. Stearns, of Bangor, her port of registry.

WENNERHOLM, No. 424 West Thirty-seventh.
Wiedemann, Henry, No. 79 East Houston st.
Widdlock, E. J., No. 519 44 av.
Wills, Frank, No. 431 West 40th st.
Witkowsky, William L., No. 714 7th av.
Winne, A. L., No. 472 West 9th st.
Woolner, James, No. 17 East 11th st.
Woolbridge, F. E., No. 237 Garfield place, Brooklyn.
Washburn, Albert L., No. 315 West 40th.
Webster, M., No. 238 Rivington st.
Wolman, A. M., No. 8 East 123d st.
Wald, Jacob, No. 1 Lewis st.

WILKINSON, No. 631 Marcy av., Brooklyn.
Wolfe, Mrs. S., No. 250 Monroe st.
Wells, James J., No. 223 8th av.
Wernberg, Philip, No. 409 6th av., Brooklyn.
Widgerson, Max, No. 182 Woodward av., Brooklyn.
Walsh, L. C., No. 260 West 58th st.
Wills, Anthony C., No. 438 Bainbridge st., Brooklyn.
Wobber, William, No. 726 Crescent st., Astoria, L. I.
Warren, Charles H., 5 East 121st st.
Wolrab, John, No. 14 Sumpter st., Brooklyn.
Williams, C. E., No. 75 Bank st.
Wish, Thomas, No. 130 Carroll st.
Weinstheimer, M., 124 1st av.
Wagner, Robert, No. 162 Bathgate av.
Wondrok, Rupert, No. 1 Teasdale place, Bronx.
Wiede, A. W., No. 50 West Sixty-fifth street.

Miller, Mrs. Annetta, No. 555 West 144th st.
Moyer, E., No. 1009 East 188th st.
Mitchell, W. L., No. 216 East 61st st.
Mitchell Bros., No. 89 Front st.
Murphy, John, No. 309 East 25th st.
Mott, F., No. 1109 Longwood av., Bronx.
Moore, C. F., No. 1109 Longwood av., Bronx.
McBryde, Mrs. E. A., No. 201 West 121st st.
Ossani, Fritz, No. 202 East 94th st.
P.,
Forcell, Louis H., No. 1024 Halsey st.,

BETTER KEEP OUT YOUR OVERCOATS

Rubbers, Too, Are Likely to Be Appropriate This Evening, Says Weather Man.

Strong winds and overcoats seemed to have the call to-day, while the disapparent waist and patent pump reared into innocuous demitise. On the downtown streets, while the downpour lasted, there was a larger variety of styles exhibited in the effort to fit weather conditions and fashions together than has been seen within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. If you are going out to-night take a raincoat along and an umbrella. You might even put on rubbers if you're afraid of colds, for the weather man says that there will be plenty more rain till after to-morrow time.

For the benefit of people who like to know just how much cooler it is to-day than yesterday and Saturday, the storm spotter gave out that the maximum jump of the mercury was 26, that is to say, 18 degrees chiller than yesterday, when it was 74, as compared to 50 on Saturday. The cold air embraces all northern and western New York State. It may drop to-night to 50 and even lower, so be warned and don't forget a coat.

FIRE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL DURING NOON RECESS.

Blaze in Clothes Closet Does \$5 Damage and Is Put Out by the Janitor.

Fire that started in some unknown manner in a pile of old papers in the corner of a clothes closet on the third floor of Public School 150, at 30 Vandewater street, at the noon recess to-day, sent half a hundred pupils who were at their lunches scurrying to the street.

The blaze was discovered by John Moran, the janitor of the school, who pulled first-aid methods to the flames, with the result that only \$5 damage was done. The children were reassembled for the afternoon session when the engines came clattering up, and so thickly did they swarm that the reserves from the Oak street station were called to disperse the crowd attracted to the fire.

When lessons were resumed it was found that several children had taken advantage of the fire to "play hooky" or report the school burned down to parents at home.

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Mattings Reduced—40c, 50c and Chinese grades. Too many reductions to mention any particular ones.

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